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Gould Winter Carnival Week-End Event

Gould Academy had its annual Winter Carnival sponsored by the Student Council on Friday and Saturday, February 24 and 25.

The festivities opened with an informal winter sports competition between various class members on Friday afternoon. The snowshoe and ski races by novices and experts alike provided much amusement to the large gallery of spectators who gathered to witness the events on Alumni Field.

On Friday night the Dramatic Group put on three one act plays—"The Trusting Place," "Soap Opera," and "The Florist Shop"—which were much enjoyed by the large crowd that completely filled William Bingham Gym.

At the close of the one-act plays all assembled at the snow throne, which was constructed by students in front of the gym, to witness the outdoor coronation of the Carnival Queen. Special lighting cast a blue tint on the throne and evergreen trees which were in the background. A light fall of snow which came earlier in the evening gave the entire area an appearance of "Winter Wonderland."

The Carnival Queen, Miss Marlene Anderson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ordell Anderson of Bethel, was elected by the student body from a group of 11 candidates. The 10 attendants to the court were Marguerite Cotton, Bethel, Laura Belle Bennett, Bethel; Anne Waterman, South Thomaston; Nancy Randall, Dover, N. H.; Doris Sturtevant, New Canaan, Conn.; Georgia Terberry, New Canaan, Conn.; Ann Lord, Kezar Falls; Susan Hamilton, Melrose, Mass.; Mary Goodnow, Winchester, Mass.; and Edith White, Portland. Members of the Varsity Ski Team also participated in the regal procession which escorted the Queen to the throne in a "one horse open sleigh."

The crown bearer, Paul Vachon, presented the crown to Headmaster Elwood F. Ireland who officially designated Miss Anderson, "Queen of the Carnival." In her

Headmaster Ireland announced the results of the class snow sculpture competition. The Seniors won this competition with their statue of a "Dog Team." The Sophomores took second place with a statue of a "Teddy Bear."

The Carnival was one of the most successful ever presented at Gould Academy.

DOWNHILL "A" Team. 1 Streeter, G. 56.0; 2 Norton, G. 57.1; 3 Marshall, G. 57.4; 4 Osgood, EL 57.8; 5 Lamson, G. 58. 6; 6 Cummings, EL 59.3; 7 Chick, G. 61.8; 8 Field, EL 62.0; 9 Woodward, EL 63.8; 10 Matthews, E. L. 64.0.

SLALOM "A" Team. 1 Streeter, G. 36.4; 2 (tie) Lamson, G. and Marshall, G. 38.5; 4 Osgood, EL 39.5; 5 Cummings, EL 39.9; 6 Field, EL 40.5; 7 Woodward, EL 44.0; 8 Norton, G. 51.6 (five seconds added for single penalty); 9 Matthews, EL 63.9; 10 Chick, G. 58.0.

CROSS COUNTRY "A" Team. 1 Osgood, EL 21.11; 2 Langley, EL 21.46; 3 Ferguson, G. 21.49; 4 Woodward, EL 22.17; 5 Lamson, G. 22.55; 6 (tie) Lamson, G. and Field, EL 22.55; 7 LaChance, EL 23.11; 8 Norton, G. 23.39; 9 Chase, G. 24.08; 10 Streeter, G. 24.22.

JUMPING "A" Team. 1 Woodward, EL 71.85; 2 Cummings, EL 71.80; 3 Streeter, G. 71.20; 4 LaChance, EL 70.35; 5 Field, EL 69.35; 6 Alden, EL 68.65; 7 Norton, G. 65.90; 8 Marshall, G. 65.80; 9 Ferguson, G. 65.70; 10 Chase, G. 60.40.

DOWNHILL "B" Team. 1 R Adams, G. 63.0; 2 R Chase, G. 63.0; 3 DeCoster, EL 64.2; 4 S Putnam, G. 64.4; 5 A Saunders, G. 65.3; 6 Brown, EL 65.6; 7 G Emery, G. 68.3; 8 Harriman, EL 70.8; 9 Libby, EL 70.2; 10 Damon, EL 88.0.

SLALOM "B" Team. 1 Putnam, G. 42.9; 2 Saunders, G. 45.2; 3 Brown, EL 48.8; 4 Harriman, EL 51.8; 5 DeCoster, EL 58.2; 6 Carlin, EL 58.9; 7 Adams, G. 59.7; 8 Emery, G. 60.4; 9 Grant, EL 67.2; 10 Ferguson, G. 70.7.

CROSS COUNTRY "B" Team.

SCHOOL SURVEY RECOMMENDATIONS

CONDITIONS IN PRESENT SCHOOL BUILDINGS

In order to become familiar with the condition of the school buildings, members of the committee visited all the schools in town and rated each in many details.

The rating for the primary building is for the old part and does not include the two rooms of the addition. These two rooms are satisfactory in all details except size and cloakroom space for the large number we are forced to have in them. Aside from the lights, need of interior decorating, basement ventilation, and poor condition of some desks the primary building was found to be in satisfactory to fair condition. The size of the water main to the building does need to be enlarged.

On the whole the grammar building had a poorer rating. The small size of the grounds and lack of any good playground equipment was very evident. A fire hazard was found to exist in the boiler room. The toilets and all basement areas are poorly lighted and ventilated. Most desks are in need of replacement. Many windows need new shades and the whole building will soon need redecorating.

The toilets at the rural school buildings were found unsanitary and the heat inadequate at West Bethel. Lighting needs improvement in all rural buildings. Redecorating is needed in two buildings. Little playground equipment was found at the rural schools and none at all at East Bethel. There is no running water at the South Bethel school and the source at East Bethel needs repairs.

All inadequate and poor conditions should be improved as soon as possible.

Rural Schools

The Committee spent most of the time of three meetings discussing the following problems:

1. Should the primary grades continue to be maintained in the rural schools?
2. Should the two vacant rooms at East and West Bethel be opened for the intermediate grades?
3. Should all seventh and eighth grade pupils be brought into the village or should they be kept at East and West Bethel?
4. Should the Northwest Bethel school be opened?

Decisions were as follows:

1. It was agreed that the primary grades (sub-primary through grade three) should be kept at the rural schools.
2. Although hours were spent on this problem no definite decision was made. These points were brought out: (a) If by opening these rooms it would do away with the need for more rooms in the village, it would by all means be recommended. (b) If there would be enough pupils for two rooms it would be advisable. (c) That it continued on page four

GROVER CANDIDATE FOR SCHOOL COMMITTEE

I am announcing my candidacy for election to the school committee at our annual town meeting, March 6. The schools in our town are the most important town business we have. I have the time to give to this worthwhile and necessary business without infringing on my own work and personal undertakings.

The School Survey Committee has done a commendable task. This committee has done all it was authorized to do. It is now evident that a definite need exists to improve our school standards by building a new school in the village. Our rural schools must also be remodeled to make them warm and sanitary. Many of these changes must be made before the school reopens in September. Now is the time to act.

I believe that the people of this town are ready and willing to work for the good of our schools. When we have faith in our leadership our undertakings do not fail. We must work together for our children, making certain that our money is spent wisely for their good.

With the support of the voters of the town, I shall do the best that I can for the schools of our community.

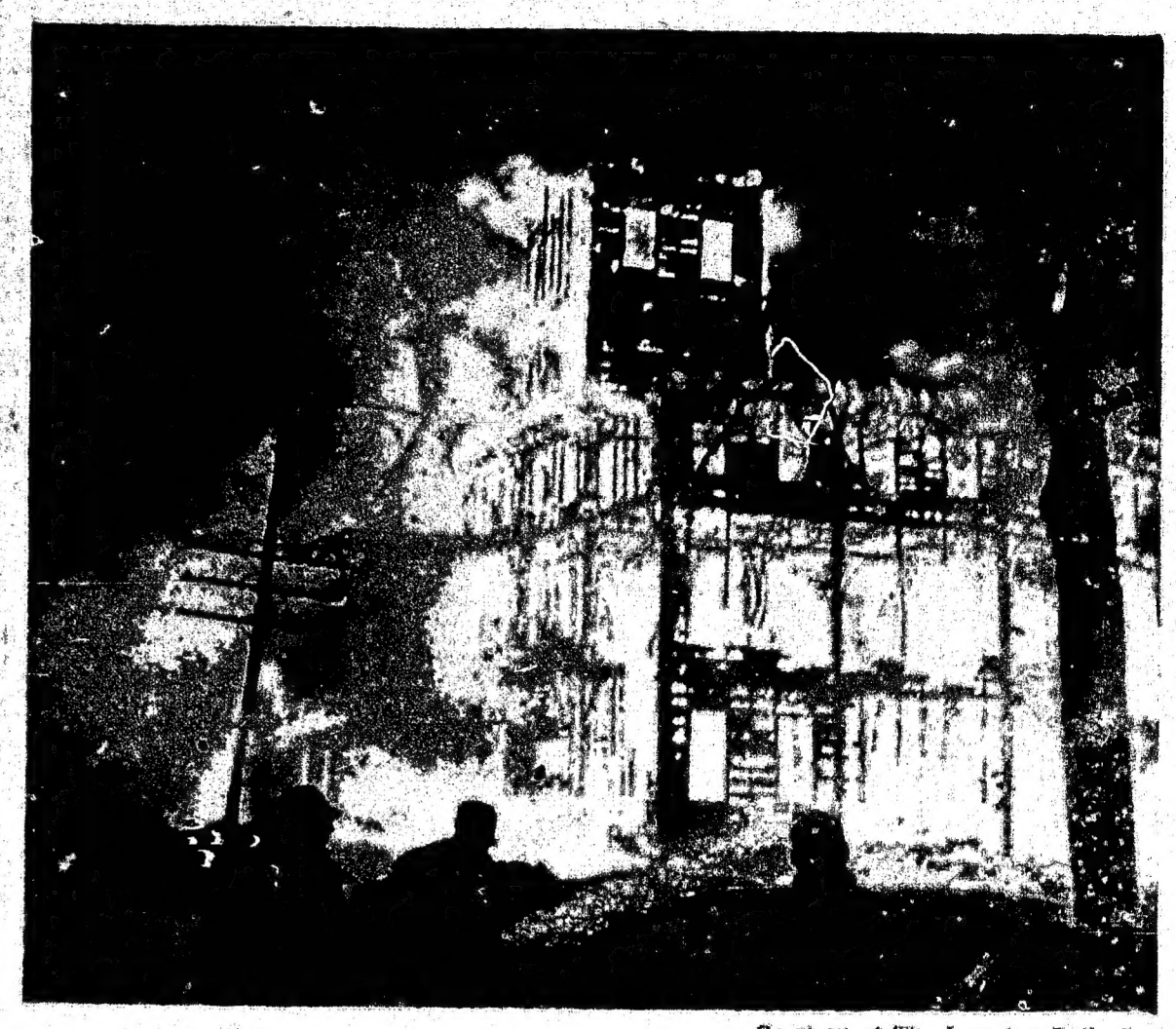
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General Practice

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Tebbets Mill Property Destroyed By Sunday Fire; \$250,000 Loss



TEBBETS MILL FIRE—at 6:15 Sunday evening. This picture, taken by Leonard Turcotte of Lewiston, shows how completely the fire spread throughout the building after the dust explosion a short time before. Other pictures on page five.

The plant of the E. L. Tebbets Spool Co., at Locke Mills was destroyed Sunday night in a fire which was started by a quick backfire in the boiler room at about 5:30. The back fire was the cause of a flash explosion which spread the flames throughout the three story mill. Edward Chase and Robert Mason were taken to the Rumford hospital suffering with face and hand burns and Julius Robinson was taken to his home with injuries. All three were in the boiler room at the time of the explosion.

The loss is estimated at \$250,000 and at present a decision on rebuilding has not been reached.

The mill was owned and operated

by the Ekco Products Co. of Chicago, who were principal users of the mill's products. Donald H. Tebbets has been in charge of the mill since the change in ownership. About 100 people were employed.

When the extent of the fire was realized help was called from Bethel, Bryant Pond and Norway, and these fire departments did effective work in confining the damage to the mill property. Homes threatened included those of Mrs. Adelaide Lister, Verne Corkum, Philip Cummings, Frank Ring, Owen Davis and Julius Robinson, and the Ted & White store of Arthur Valley.

Lost in the blaze were the sawmill and former grist mill building, and a dry shed filled with finished products, besides the other buildings which were connected with the main mill. The rear of the office was gutted and the front damaged but the front rooms are being repaired for use as a temporary office. Also destroyed was a freight car loaded with finished products.

The fire was made more difficult to handle by a wind which carried the sparks and a below zero temperature. The mill equipment included several new expensive machines recently installed.

The mill was built by the late E. L. Tebbets about 60 years ago following a fire.

MAYNARD AUSTIN NAMED HOULTON TOWN MANAGER

Maynard Austin of Bethel has been appointed acting town manager of Houlton, effective March 1. He takes over the duties of Robert L. Price who resigned to assume similar duties at Dover, N. H. Mr. Austin and Mrs. Ava Austin of Bethel, has served as planning engineer at Houlton the past two years. He is a graduate of Gould Academy, 1929, and the University of Maine, 1943, and is a registered professional civil engineer. During the war he served with the Seabees in the South Pacific as lieutenant, junior grade.

G. A. MUSIC CLUBS TO GIVE MUSICAL COMEDY, MARCH 17

On March 17 the Gould Academy musical clubs, under the direction of Miss Ann Griggs will present a three-act musical comedy with the intriguing title, "PICKLES OR IN OLD VIENNA."

Already hard at work on the music and libretto is a cast composed of the following principals: Harley Merrill, Laura Belle Bennett, Len Murphy, Richard Emery, Frank Linnell, Robert Norris, Robert Tiff, Robin Buck, Leslie Streeter, Nancy Van, Robert Patterson, and Beverly Larvey. These will be augmented by a large chorus.

The operetta is said by Miss Griggs to be rich in period costume, with lush settings and much hilarious comedy. Carnival time in Vienna and a gypsy camp nearby furnish the locale, and a typical musical comedy plot, with villainous plotting, mistaken identity, luring romance and final happy resolution are all parts of what promises to be a high spot in Gould's musical activities.

Opalene on Town Problems, pages 4, 5 and 6; Tebbets Mill Fire pictures, pages 1 and 2.

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RED CROSS DRIVE UNDER WAY THIS WEEK

The annual Red Cross Drive is under way and it is hoped all contributions will be in early in the month.

Through the activity of Gene Van and Elmer Bennett and the generosity of Bryant's Market the Bethel Branch furnished food to the firemen at Locke Mills Sunday.

The solicitors who have kindly offered their services this year are: Mrs. Carroll Abbott, Miss Alice Ballard, Elmer Bennett, Mrs. Cleve Bartlett, Mrs. Ethel Blisbee, Norris Brown, Stanley Brown, Arrol Brown, Mrs. Georgia Butters, Mrs. Mary Chadbourne, Mrs. Walter Errington, Mrs. Cella Gorman, John Howe, Mrs. Edward Holder, Mrs. Robert Hastings, Mrs. Harlan Hutchins, Mrs. Frances Ireland, Mrs. Robert Keniston, Mrs. Mary Ladd, Mrs. Grace Macfarlane, Mrs. Ernest Mundt, Mrs. Wallace Saunders, Karl Stearns, Mrs. Betty Thurston, Mrs. Louis Van Earl Williamson.

MRS. NELSON R. SPRINGER

Word has been received of the death of Mrs. Hattie Titus Springer, widow of Nelson Springer at her home 1710 Laurel Street, Pasadena, Calif. Friday night.

She was born at Monmouth, July 1, 1867, the daughter of Hiram and Josephine Titus, and was educated in the schools of Monmouth and Winthrop. Mr. Springer died several years ago.

Following their marriage they lived in Dixfield, West Bethel and Bethel, before moving to California about 25 years ago.

Survivors include two daughters, Florence and Josephine, of Pasadena, Calif., and a cousin, Mrs. Elsie Harris of Minot, Corner.

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DELLISON C. CONROY

In Bethel, Conn., of Lisbon died last Saturday at the C. M. G. Hospital in Lewiston.

Mr. Conroy was born at Bethel, July 16, 1891, the son of Thomas A. and Edna Verrill Conroy. He was graduated from Mechanic Falls High School and attended Gould Academy. He was a Past Master of Bethel Lodge, F. & A. M., and a member of Koru Temple of Mystic Shrine. He married Sylvia Swan of Bethel.

For several years, before he moved to Berlin, N. H., where he was tax collector for a time, he was employed in Rossmore's drug store.

Surviving are his parents, his wife a son, Rupert, Boston; a brother, Frank, Lisbon and a sister, Mrs. Ellen Jordan, Lisbon. Masonic funeral services were held at the Greenleaf funeral home on Tuesday afternoon.

Political Advertisement

I am seeking reelection to the school committee on my record of conscientious service to the town, along with a sincere desire to have added school facilities which will mean a higher standard of education in our town schools.

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CARNIVAL QUEEN, MARLENE ANDERSON, and Crown Bearer, Paul Vachon, after the Coronation at the Gould Academy Carnival Friday evening.

official capacity, the Queen knighted each member of the ski team and then was presented a beautiful gold bracelet by Richard Marshall, Captain of the Ski Team, on behalf of the Student Council.

Following the Coronation, the Queen and her court adjourned to the William Bingham Gym where an informal reception was held.

On Saturday, the Gould Academy Ski Teams were host to the Edward Little Team in a dual meet of both A and B teams. Edward Little A Team won their meet with the final score Edward Little 388.15 and Gould 385.26. However, in the B Team competition the score was Gould 380.22 and Edward Little 374.81.

On Saturday night, the weekend festivities were brought to an end by the Carnival Ball with music furnished by Lloyd Hefschell and his orchestra. During the evening,

1 Brown, EL 24.38; 2 Carlin, EL 28.13; 3 Marshall, G. 28.18; 4 DeCoster, EL 28.10; 5 Damon, EL 28.14; 6 Emery, G. 28.17; 7 Adams, G. 28.48; 8 Chadbourne, G. 27.51; 9 Harriman, EL 27.30; 10 Putnam, G. 27.38.

JUMPING "B" Team. 1 Grant, EL 67.90; 2 Osgood, EL 68.15; 3 Fortin, G. 64.90; 4 Hearn, EL 62.24; 5 Adams, G. 62.35; 6 Emery, G. 65.20; 7 Lamson, G. 65.50; 8 Harriman, EL 67.15; 9 Putnam, G. 64.35.

Summary

Cross Country	Down Hill	Slalom	Jumping	Total
Edward Little "A"	55.75	55.75	52.25	59.35
Gould "A"	51.00	59.50	52.87	54.18
Gould "B"	52.05	59.57	52.54	54.00
Edward Little "B"	52.50	51.71	54.97	57.51

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Heretofore, no one has known how much these government services cost us through waste and inefficiency. But some surprising facts have been revealed by the Commission on the Organization of the Executive Branch of the Government. This twelve-man, bipartisan Commission was created by Congress with the approval of the President. At the suggestion of Mr. Truman, former President Hoover was made its Chairman.

The Army, Navy, and Air Force asked for \$9 billion of appropriations after being told that \$16 billion was all the Nation could afford. The Army applied for \$2.6 billion and the Navy for \$2.6 billion. The Air Force for \$2.6 billion. The three services for military personnel in Alaska at \$200 million. Yet every dollar spent goes to activities outside of your pocket in the form of taxes.

Why Federal agencies should not be able to spend money at will is the subject of a report by the Commission. The report states that the Government has no way of knowing how much it is spending. It has no way of knowing how much it is getting. It has no way of knowing how much it is losing.

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EAST BETHEL

Mrs. Eralice Noyes, Correspondent

Miss Carolyn Noyes was at home from Lewiston for the week end.

Jean Burns, granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. B. B. Newton, has German measles. Little Sue Howe, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Rodney Howe is also ill with German measles.

Mr. and Mrs. Burton Abbott and George Haines of Bethel were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Noyes.

Nancy and Peter Haines have been ill with colds and unable to attend school.

Mary Coolidge returned to school Tuesday after being ill with a cold for several days.

Mr. and Mrs. Clifton E. Bean of Bethel were callers at Urban Bartlett's Tuesday.

The Women's Farm Bureau group met Wednesday at the home of Mrs. Marguerite Bartlett. The subject of the meeting was "Milk and Eggs Go Together." In charge of Mrs. Marguerite Bartlett, the Foods Leader. Mrs. Marjorie Billings and Mrs. Louise Coolidge were on the dinner committee to assist Mrs. Bartlett.

Mr. and Mrs. Almon Coolidge are parents of a baby boy born this Thursday morning. Mrs. Allen of New Sharon is caring for mother and son.

SUNDAY RIVER

Mrs. R. M. Fleet, Correspondent

James Reynolds and Robert Foster are slowly recovering from their recent colds.

Mrs. Bertha Bean and Mr. and Mrs. Roland Fleet attended Farm Bureau last Thursday at Newry Corner.

The wind and snow storms have kept the road breakers busy this past week.

Recent callers at the Ramsey Reynolds and Roger Reynolds were Mr. and Mrs. Carl Helms and Miss Martha Helms of Harrison.

Howard Taylor visited Robert Foster one afternoon recently.

GREENWOOD CENTER

Nellie Martin, who has been ill, is now feeling better.

Cecile Winslow and son, Myron Jr., of Crescent Lake, spent last week with her sister, Mrs. Harold Churchill.

Colby Martin of Howe Hill was in this vicinity Sunday.

Gladys Bailey was at her home over the week end from her work at South Paris.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Mills and family of Locke Mills were callers at Ross Martin's Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Guy Parker of South Bethel were callers at Beryl Martin's Saturday.

UPTON

Mrs. G. A. Jenkins, Correspondent

Mr. and Mrs. Norman Vashaw of North New Portland were visitors in town last week.

Cedric Jenkins was in Magalloway Tuesday of this week on farm business.

Fred Jenkins has sold his big Quernsey bull.

The Misses Shirley Enman and Isabelle Casey of Stephens High School spent their vacation at Mrs. George Wright's.

Mrs. Helen Fuller and baby girl have returned home.

MIDDLE INTERVALE

Mrs. Augustus Carter, Correspondent

Mrs. Paul Carter spent the week end with Mrs. Augustus Carter and family.

Hoyt Gunther was home over the week end.

Donald Stanley, son Warren, of Portland, also Willis Bartlett of Rumford were callers at the H. S. Stanleys Saturday.

Fred Stanley was given a birthday party Sunday in honor of his birthday. Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. Rodney Howe, and family, Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Stanley, Kent Stanley and Mary Stanley.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Churchill and daughter Christine were in Buckfield Friday.

MAYOR McGUP

By John Jarvis



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rooms, more teachers, more textbooks and supplies. And we've got to see that they get them.

Because if we don't — we'll be selling ourselves and our country down the river. We'll be unforgivably wasting the most valuable natural resource we have — our own children — America's citizens of tomorrow.

Can't we start thinking about this problem now? You'll help, won't you? For information on how citizens in other communities have worked together in behalf of their schools, write to: National Citizens Commission for the Public Schools, 2 West 45th Street, New York 19, N. Y.



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GREENWOOD

Mrs. Lillian Cole surprise party on February 22. Those present were: Mrs. Doris Hayes, and Ann, Mrs. Kay Wayne and Raymond Yates, Mrs. Anna Katie Tamminga, Minnie, Mrs. Nettie na Bacon, Mrs. Ida Hazel Millett, Mrs. Estella Millett, Mrs. and Mrs. Colista M.

Mr. and Mrs. W. of West Paris were of Mr. and Mrs. C. Thursday.

Alta and Norma this week with the School has been week of vacation.

Aitha Rogers in Marion Day's, Lock her vacation.

Mrs. Estella Mill District visited Mrs. one day this week.

There was a back at Clyde Morgan's tennoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Mr. and Mrs. Frank in Saplegh on Sunday father, Ernest Curtis.

SOUTH BETHEL

Mrs. Alice Herrie Wright and Mrs. I were Sunday callers North Waterford.

Joan Whitman was an overnight cousin, Beatrice Stead classes at Gould's week.

Everett Saunders West Bethel was guest of Paul Stove.

Paul Stevens was guest of his class Saunders last week.

Henry Brooks from has been a recent brother, Frank.

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GREENWOOD CITY

Mrs. Linnie Cole was given a surprise party on her birthday February 22. Those present were Mrs. Doris Hayes, Mrs. Fay Holt and Ann, Mrs. Katherine Hakala, Wayne and Raymond, Mrs. Lois Yates, Mrs. Anna Jarvepa, Mrs. Katie Tammling, Miss Betty Tammelin, Mrs. Nettie Chase, Mrs. Rena Bacon, Mrs. Idella Morgan, Mrs. Hazel Millett, Mrs. Eva Curtis, Mrs. Estella Millett, Mrs. Esie Hawkins, and Mrs. Collata Morgan.

Mr. and Mrs. William Slattery of West Paris were supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Morgan on Thursday.

Alta and Norman Millett spent this week with their aunt in Peru. School has been closed for a week of vacation.

Althea Rogers has been at Mrs. Marion Day's, Lockes Mills during her vacation.

Mrs. Estella Millett of Tubbs District visited Mrs. Wilbur Yates one day this week.

There was a bad chimney fire at Clyde Morgan's on Monday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Curtis and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Curtis were in Sapleugh on Sunday to see their father, Ernest Curtis.

SOUTH BETHEL

Mrs. Alice Herrick, Mrs. Rose Wright and Mrs. Bertha Stevens were Sunday callers in South and North Waterford.

Jean Whitman of Bryant Pond was an overnight guest of her cousin, Beatrice Stevens and visited classes at Gould Academy last week.

Everett Saunders of North West Bethel was an overnight guest of Paul Stevens recently.

Paul Stevens was an overnight guest of his classmate, Everett Saunders last week.

Henry Brooks from South Paris has been a recent guest of his brothers, Frank and Ernest

Brooks, for several days. Harlan Kimball of Gilead was a Sunday guest of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Gordon.

Mr. and Mrs. Roger Brown are the parents of a baby daughter, born February 22.

Kenneth Mason, George Knights and Francis Brooks went to Wadoboro, Saturday.

Mrs. Blanche Mason and family were Sunday guests of her parents Mr. and Mrs. Frank Brooks.

Francis Brooks and Kenneth Mason were business callers in Canton, recently.

The Bible Club met at the home of Mrs. Robert Gordon Monday evening with eighteen present.

WEST GREENWOOD

Mrs. Paul Croteau, Corres.

Mrs. Alden Wilson took her son, Stanley to Portland for observation Friday. His eye is much improved.

Miss Wilma Croteau of Rochester, N. H. was the guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Croteau over the week end.

Mrs. Alden Wilson and children were in Berlin, Saturday.

Herbert Lyon of Fort Lewis, Washington, called at Alden Wilson's Monday evening.

Mrs. Paul Croteau and son, Solon accompanied Miss Wilma Croteau to Rochester, N. H. Monday.

NORTH WOODSTOCK

Mrs. C. James Knights, Corres.

Mr. and Mrs. Everett Cole were at Lewiston and West Paris on Monday.

Mrs. Clinton Buck entered the Rumford Community Hospital last week and submitted to surgery on Friday morning.

Several from this community were at Locke Mills Sunday night to see the large fire at the mill.

Gary Yates visited several days with his uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hayes.

Mrs. George Cushman returned

HUBERT

By Dick Wingert



home Sunday after being at her sons for several days at Augusta.

Christine Knights was at Farmington last Thursday with the basketball crowd.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Barrett of North Paris visited Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Coffin.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Billings and Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Buck were at Bethel to the movies one evening last week.

Harland Abbott of Farmington was at home several days last week with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Abbott.

Hanno Cushman is sick.

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ALBANY TOWN HOUSE

— Mrs. Annie Bumpus, Corres. —

Rev. Alvin Strong conducted the church service at the Town House Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Hazelton and son Tony were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Harlan Bumpus.

Recent visitors at Harlan Bumpus' were Beverly and Mary Ann Hall, Mrs. Merle Stone, Mrs. Alice Kimball, and Ben Inman.

Harlan Bumpus was at his home Sunday and Monday.

Kenneth Bumpus called on Roselle Cummings Saturday afternoon.

SOUTH ALBANY

— Mrs. Roy Wardwell, Corres. —

Mr. and Mrs. George Wentworth are receiving congratulations on the birth of a son Feb. 24 at the Norway Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Colby Robinson from Portland were callers at Leon Kimball's last Saturday.

Mrs. Roy Wardwell was in Norway and South Paris last Friday.

Edith and Lilla Stearns were in Norway on Friday.

Harry Chaplain and Ivan Kimball called at Leon Kimball's Sunday.

Bulldozers and snow plows have been on the go since the blizzard passed over this section. Roads drifted the worst they have been for years.

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Arthur Wardwell was at Bryant Pond Sunday.



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I think that it is the opinion of many of the people that any opposition to the new school building means that they are against ANY new school building, but that the majority of the people, that is not true. We would like to have a few more definite facts to look at before we vote for a new school building. Also, there are several things that puzzle us. Some of these are: (1) Why do we have to have the most expensive type of construction; (2) Why, if we sell the old building to Gould Academy do they have the right to specify the type of construction; (3) If the average cost of masonry construction is \$14,000 to \$24,000 as Mr. Bailey said, how is the town going to be able to construct a ten room building for \$135,000; (4) If the tax rate is to go up just four mills to pay for the new building, will it have to go up another four mills to pay for the extra teacher; (5) Why do we people in outlying parts of the town have to send our grammar grades to the village when we have good schools outside which with a little money expended would be equal to the village schools in all requirements; (6) Why some consideration cannot be given to a wooden building which would be cheaper to construct and add to. After all our primary building is wood and personally I would rather see the very small children in a fire proof building. Mr. Bailey said that a wooden building would be approved provided it was of one story construction with a corridor through the middle and doors at both ends.

Another thing which is not right is that no one has even the slightest estimate of what the building is going to cost. The attitude of the majority of the people that are FOR building it is that we will get \$60,000 for the old building and we will borrow all we can and when that is gone we will raise more money to complete it. I think a limit should be set and not exceeded. Both the

town garage and the addition to the Primary rooms were underestimated by considerable amounts, which is unnecessary in my opinion.

Rodney K Howe

As a resident and taxpayer of the town of Bethel I would like to discuss Article 38 of the Warrant for our Town Meeting.

Last year at Town Meeting the reason given for purchasing the Day farm was that someone intended moving up there. During the early summer of 1947 a young man came to my home to see my father about buying his place on Kimball Hill, but father had already made a business deal with another party. The young man said he had purchased the Brown Co. property on Kimball Hill but that he could not possibly live in the house, that there was no electricity, as he had been led to believe and he mentioned several other reasons why he couldn't live there, details that I do not need to mention here. In short he said he would not then or at any future time move up there to live. If this possibility is the reason for the town of Bethel purchasing the property it is a little late to get excited about it.

Another thing I would like to bring to your attention is the acreage. When Sam MayConnell, Mrs. Day's father, owned the place he claimed to own 220 acres, (without the Bonanza, which Mrs. Day sold to another party). At the town meeting last year the statement was made that there was 540 acres in the lot to be purchased. If so, where did the other 220 acres come from?

It was also stated that there is more timber up there but nothing was said about where it is. The only black growth left is on the top of the ledges which are impossible to navigate. There is some hard wood left but it is on the back side of the mountain and would have to come out by way of Milton Plantation which would cost more than it would bring. If there is timber there worth cutting why didn't the Brown Co. cut it when they were there with all equipment?

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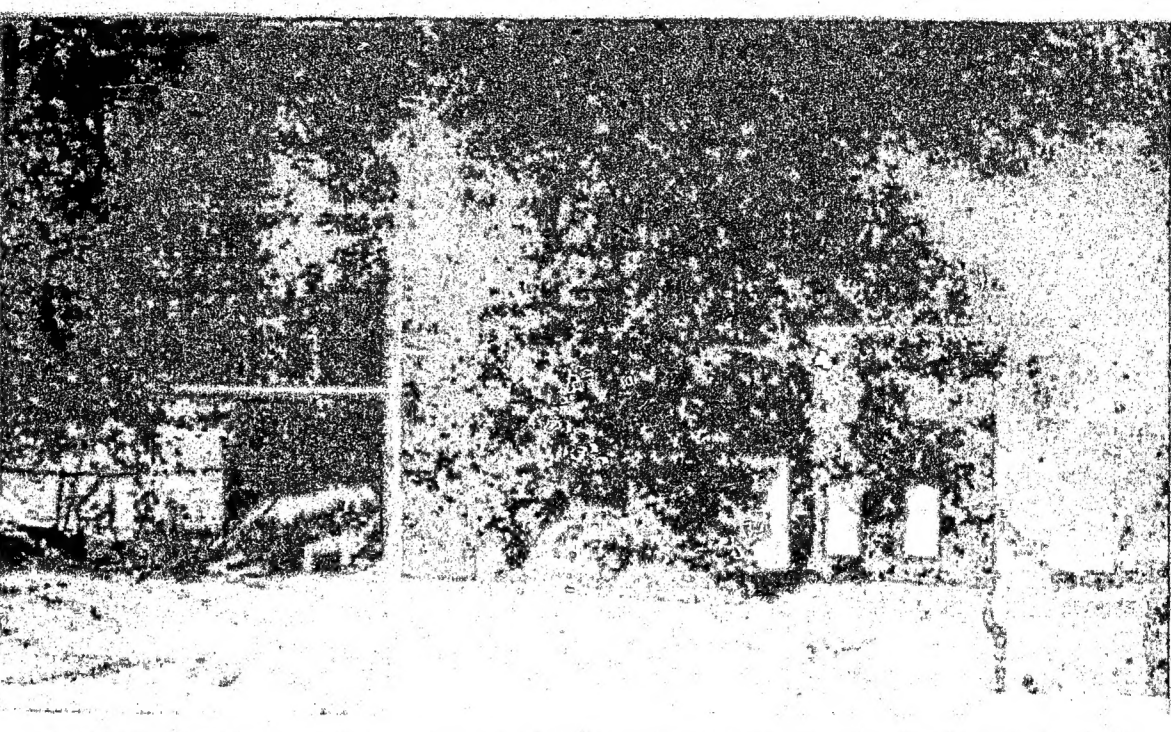
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THE E. L. TEBBETS SPOOL CO. PLANT, which was razed in a blaze which threatened to destroy many homes in Locke Mills village Sunday night.



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WARRANT FOR ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

To Carl L. Brown, a citizen of the Town of Bethel in the County of Oxford and State of Maine.

In the name of the State of Maine, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Bethel in said county and state, qualified by law to vote in town affairs to meet at Odeon Hall in said town on Monday, the sixth day of March, A. D. 1950 at ten o'clock in the forenoon, then and there to act upon the following articles, to wit:

The polls will be open for balloting on elective officers upon order of the Moderator and will be closed at seven o'clock in the afternoon.

Art. 1. To choose a moderator to preside at said meeting.

Art. 2. To hear and act upon the report of selectmen, assessors and overseers of poor, treasurer, collector, superintendent of schools, road commissioner, clerk and other town officers.

Art. 3. To see what compensation the town will vote to pay the Selectmen, Assessors and Overseers of Poor, Treasurer, Members of the Superintending School Committee, Road Commissioner, Clerk, and other town officers.

Art. 4. To establish the price to be paid for collecting taxes for the ensuing year.

Art. 5. To see what sum the town will vote to raise and appropriate for the purpose of defraying the expenses to be incurred by the action taken under Articles 3 and 4 above.

Art. 6. To choose all other necessary Town Officers, not to be elected by Australian Ballot.

Art. 7. To see what sum the town will vote to raise and appropriate for school maintenance.

Art. 8. To see what sum the town will vote to raise and appropriate for repairs on school buildings.

Art. 9. To see what sum the town will vote to raise and appropriate for insurance on school buildings.

Art. 10. To see what sum the town will vote to raise and appropriate for services of a School Physician.

Art. 11. To see what sum the town will vote to raise and appropriate for salary of Superintendent of Schools and office expense.

Art. 12. To see what sum the town will vote to raise and appropriate for public health nursing in Bethel. Said sum to be expended by the State Bureau of Health, for local service.

Art. 13. To see what sum the town will vote to raise and appropriate to be expended on the town ways and for the repair of bridges.

Art. 14. To see what sum the town will vote to raise and appropriate for maintenance of winter roads.

Art. 15. To see what sum the town will vote to raise and appropriate for bituminous surfacing of town ways and streets.

Art. 16. To see what sum the town will vote to raise and appropriate for State Aid road construction in addition to the amounts regularly raised for the care of ways, highways and bridges, under the provisions of Sections 23 and 29, Chap. 29, R. S. 1944 as amended.

Art. 17. To see what sum the town will vote to raise and appropriate for maintaining third class highways and for cutting and removing brush therefrom.

Art. 18. To see what sum the town will vote to raise and appropriate to remove the snow from business and other congested sections both from streets and sidewalks.

Art. 19. To see if the town will vote to install one street light at East Bethel near Newton's store to be located on pole No. 147 situated on Broadway street, as called.

Art. 20. To see what sum the town will vote to raise and appropriate to pay for street lighting.

Art. 21. To see what sum the town will vote to raise and appropriate to be paid to the Bethel Chamber of Commerce to be used for advertising and publicity.

Art. 22. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of the Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) to be expended on a fund for defraying the national expenses, advantages and obligations of the State of Maine in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 29, R. S. 1944 of the Revised Statutes of Maine.

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Art. 26. To see what sum the town will vote to raise and appropriate to provide from the Bethel Library Association the free use of books during the coming year for all inhabitants of the town under such restrictions and regulations as shall be to the safety and good use of the books.

Art. 27. To see what sum the town will vote to raise and appropriate for donating the graves of veterans' families and others and for the observance of Memorial Day.

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Art. 35. To see if the town will vote to purchase of the Hiram Company the Day Farm, so called, situated on Rime Hill for the purpose of establishing a Municipal Forest as provided in Chapter 41, Sec. 23 to 25 and Revised Statutes.

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Art. 47. To see if the Town will vote to enter into a contract with Gould Academy to sell the brick Grammar School building and land to them for \$60,000, and that the money so obtained be used in the construction and equipping of the new elementary school building.

Art. 48. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to execute and sign the deed for the brick Grammar School building and land.

Art. 49. To see if the Town will vote to appoint a building committee or authorize the Selectmen to appoint a building committee who shall have full authority over the construction and equipping of the new school building.

Art. 50. To see if the Town will vote to establish a capital reserve fund under provisions of Chap. 80, Sec. 130-134, R. S. 1944, such fund to be used for future school building construction or reconstruction.

Art. 51. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and transfer to said capital reserve fund.

Art. 52. To see if the town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to sell the property owned by the town at North West Bethel, known as the Ferry place and execute and sign a deed therefor. This property being the same property as purchased from William C. Chapman by his Warranty Deed dated May 29, 1914.

Art. 53. To see what action the Town will take with reference to ratifying, approving and confirming the action of the Selectmen in executing and delivering in the name and on behalf of the Town a contract with Central Maine Power Company covering street lighting service in the Town for a period of ten (10) years from the effective date of said contract, whereby, in consideration of Central Maine Power Company's furnishing street lighting service, including the necessary electric energy, for the term of the contract, the Town agreed to pay for such service the sums prescribed by the Company's applicable rate schedule as filed with the Public Utilities Commission of Maine or as thereafter amended.

Art. 54. To see if the town will vote to authorize the Selectmen or other authorized officers to procure a temporary loan or loans in anticipation of taxes for the purpose of paying obligations of the Town; such loans or loan to be paid during the current municipal year out of money raised during and current municipal year by taxes. To pay in addition \$5,000.00 on note now held by Chase Bank & Trust Co.

Art. 55. To see if the town will vote to authorize its Treasurer to obtain money by loan to pay the debts of the town and take up outstanding notes against the town or to renew the same with new notes, and to execute and deliver the notes of the town therefor signed by its Treasurer and countersigned by the Selectmen.

Art. 56. To see if the town will vote to authorize the town Treasurer, upon approval of the Selectmen, to sell and assign unmaturing tax mortgage loans for not less than the amount unpaid and interest and cost.

Art. 57. To see if the town will vote to authorize the Selectmen and Treasurer to sell and convey real estate owned by the town under tax deeds or under tax liens to such persons for such prices and upon such terms as said Selectmen and Treasurer in their judgment and discretion may determine for the best interests of the town and to execute in behalf of the inhabitants of said town each deed or other instrument of conveyance as may be required to complete such sale and conveyance.

Art. 58. To see if the town will vote to authorize the Moderator to appoint a committee of 12 to be known as the Budget Committee.

Art. 59. To choose any committee, hear any report of any and all thereon.

Art. 60. To choose by ballot the following Town officers for the ensuing year, to wit: Town Clerk, Three Selectmen, Three Assessors, Three Overseers of Poor, Treasurer, one member of the Bethel Committee for three years, Tax Collector and Road Commissioner.

The Selectmen hereby give notice that they will be in session in the Selectmen's Office on Monday, March 6th, 1950 for the purpose of correcting the list of voters from 9 o'clock in the forenoon until time for the polls to close given under our hands the 15th day of February, A. D. 1950.

ERNEST F. BISHOP

JOHN H. CARTER

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Selectmen of Bethel

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Treasurer	per year	300.00
School Committee	Leave to Town Meeting	
Road Commissioner	per day	8.00
Clerk	per year	75.00
Health Officer	per year	35.00
4 Collecting Taxes	per receipt	1 1/2%
Excise Taxes		.15
5 Town Officers' Bills		5,200.00
7 School Maintenance		42,000.00
8 School Repairs		2,000.00
9 School Insurance		479.75
10 School Physician		100.00
11 Superintendent of Schools and Office Expenses		1,600.00
12 Public Health Nurse		25.00
13 Roads and Bridges		7,000.00
14 Winter Roads		7,000.00
15 Bituminous Surfacing		5,500.00
16 State Aid Road Construction		1,598.00
17 Maintaining 3rd Class Roads		300.00
18 Removing Snow from Sidewalks		800.00
19 East Bethel Street Light		Yes
20 Street Lighting		400.00
21 Bethel Chamber of Commerce		200.00
22 Maine Publicity Bureau	Pass Over	
23 Sewers		1,000.00
24 Relief of Poor		4,000.00
25 Abatements		689.20
26 Bethel Library Association		600.00
27 Memorial Day		100.00
28 Bond for Town Officers	Pass Over	
29 Treasurer's Bond		35.00
30 Collector's Bond		20.00
31 Fire Department		1,000.00
32 Fire Hose		500.00
33 Cemeteries		25.00
34 Miscellaneous Expenses		1,600.00
35 Interest		600.00
36 Liability & Property Damage Ins.—Trucks		320.00
37 Construction of Sidewalks		500.00
38 To purchase Day Farm	Yes	
39 To pay for Day Farm		1,121.00
40 Repairs on Lock-Up		400.00
41 Pine Blister Rust		300.00
42 To construct Elementary School Building	Yes	
43 To pay for Elementary School Building		75,000.00
To be paid \$5,000.00 per year beginning in 1951 assessment.		
44 To purchase land for School House	Yes	
45 To pay for land for School House		3,200.00
46 To hire money for New School House	Yes	
47 To sell brick building and lot	Yes	
48 To authorize Selectmen to give deed	Yes	
49 To authorize a Building Committee be appointed by Selectmen	Yes	
50 To establish a capital reserve fund for future school building	Pass Over	
51 To raise money for Capital Reserve Fund	Pass Over	
52 To sell Northwest Bethel ferry land	Yes	
53 To ratify contract with C. M. P. Co.	Yes	
54	Yes	
55	Yes	
56	Yes	
57	Yes	
58 To appoint Budget Committee	Yes	
Total Recommendations		\$90,210.95
State Tax		10,272.19
County Tax (estimated)		4,893.36
Loan Payment		5,800.00
		\$111,182.50

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Dwight Merrill, the C. M. G. hospital reported as having been accidentally removed from his room. Mrs. Roland Merrill, confined to her bed, turned to her this week.

Mr. and Mrs. C. and son, Alanson, in West Paris Sunday night with Mr. and Mrs. Kendall.

The regular meeting of Valley Grange was held with visitors from Grange and Wint. Sheldene, N. H. ing a social was held with a picnic sent with a picnic from the community. Mrs. Kendall, Elizabeth Frances Bennett, Abbott, Ruby Roy and Herman B.

SONGO POND

— Mrs. Ralph Kimball, Floyd Kimball, Warren Lapham, Walter Lapham, and day from a business trip to Washington. Miss Blanche Edwards night with Mr. and Mrs. Lapham.

A personal show and Mrs. Ray Howe was held at the Albion Saturday evening. A sheltie full of love gifts was presented. cakes, cake and ice cream were served.

NOTICE

The subscriber heretofore has been the editor of the Oxford County Citizen, a newspaper published in Bethel, Maine, and has been published since the 1st of January, 1950.

NOTICE OF FORFEITURE

Whereas Herman J. Oxford, in the County of Oxford and State of Maine, gave deed dated the 1st of May, 1949, and recorded in the Eastern District, in 1949, conveyed to us, 1276, conveyed to us, 1276, a certain parcel situated in Oxford, Maine, of Oxford, and having been certified as follows:

A certain lot or parcel with the buildings situated in said Oxford and described as follows: Beginning on the 1st of the Street field road and at a point with three (3) feet South the corner of the Cummings land; the 1st on a line parallel said Cummings land 45 feet (25) rods Charles D. Cummings land one (1) foot; thence Easterly parallel with the first line to the said 1st Northernly along the point of beginning. Also conveying heretofore to use the right of the above described parcel of land on the No. 1 And whereas the mortgage has been paid.

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Dated at South Paris 20th day of February, 1950.

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LOOK BEFORE YOU LEAP II

Freedom of the press—freedom of speech—priceless heritage of a free people. Considering the \$200,000 and more expended to preserve these liberties for us, is it not well to use our privileges in a rational manner as possible and without personal acrimony.

Nearly everyone agrees that we must have more classrooms in our school system. One central school building, probably would be the most satisfactory and economical solution. The real question most people are concerned with is what type of building should we construct and how much money can be made available for this purpose. While our town finances are in excellent condition, we are not a rich town. According to Mr. William O. Bailey of the State Dept. of Education we are about half as well off as the average town in the state. He based this assumption on the value of real property upon which our tax structure rests, stating that behind each child in the entire state is \$14,000 worth of taxable property and behind each child from this town is approximately \$23,000 worth of taxable property. So it is only common sense to be interested in construction costs and in no way an implication that we are not anxious to provide the best possible education for our children.

Is it not customary when expanding as large a sum of money as is necessary to build a good school building, to compare several different plans? The School Survey Committee had no money appropriated for their work and could not be expected to submit to the public two or three plans, complete with estimates of building or operating expense of upkeep etc. However, we do not have a more unified spirit of enthusiasm back of the school project if several building plans were considered before a final decision was made?

The type of construction we choose if we vote to build a school house is linked to the question of cost due to the offer made by Gould Academy to purchase the present grammar school building for \$60,000. The offer is made with the provision that the money be expended in the construction of a fire proof building. The architect for the Bingham Foundation must approve whatever plans the town chooses. This is not an unreasonable stipulation and would apply also to other public buildings such as hospitals or nursing homes (essentially another need of our community) but are we imposing any restrictions on them as to what they do with the property after they acquire it? Some fear that if we do not accept the offer promptly, it will be withdrawn and not repeated. Do not the people of Bethel have brains, ingenuity, a willingness to work for what is best for the welfare of the community and a sense of personal integrity? It is not beneath our self-respect to ask that the terms of the agreement be clarified and that we take time to consider them before making ourselves to an agreement. There are different interpretations as to what constitutes a fire proof building. And they vary in cost. Undoubtedly it is a generous offer and possibly it would be fully not to accept it. However, if Gould Academy is interested in acquiring that piece of property now, it does not seem unlikely that another offer may be made for it. And if not, due to its location, it is still a valuable town asset. As one writer in the paper last week pointed out, if we have

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CHURCH ACTIVITIES

METHODIST CHURCH

Rev. F. Ernest Smith, Pastor
Joining with eight and a half million Methodists across the nation the Bethel Methodist Church will observe the Week of Dedication March 5-12. The pastor, Rev. F. Ernest Smith, will lead the local observance.

Bishops and pastors have joined with Bishop Paul B. Kern of Nashville, Tenn., chairman of the Week of Dedication committee of Methodism's four-year Advance for Christ and His Church, in calling upon all members of the Methodist Church to share in this week of spiritual emphasis.

"Widespread hunger for spiritual certainty" and "a desire to share in meeting urgent human need" are dominant reasons given by Bishop Kern for this church-wide observance. Through special services, Holy Communion, and periods of penitence and self-examination, church members are being encouraged to make the week a time of personal rededication to the highest Christian ideals.

On Sunday, March 12, the Methodist Church will cooperate with 16 other denominations in the "One Great Hour of Prayer" for world relief.

To make the Week of Rededication a real success every Methodist should be present at the morning service next Sunday when the pastor speaks on "The Meaning of the Lenten Fast," and at other services during the week to be announced, and hold himself in readiness during the week to be directed by the Spirit in service of our Lord and Master Jesus Christ.

Sunday School at 9:45, Morning Worship at 11, followed by a meeting of the Official Board, and Youth Fellowship at 6:30 p. m.

CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

Rev. K. W. Hawthorne, Minister
The Guild will hold a Continental Supper Party, Wednesday evening at six-thirty in the vestry.

A variety of foreign dishes will be featured. Gertrude Hutchins, Mary Moore and Hilda Donahue are the hostesses. The program for the evening, "Songs with an Accent," will be in charge of Doris Lord and Edna Adams.

The Church School meets each Sunday at nine-thirty.

"Sleepy Hollow Legend" is the topic of the Pastor's sermon Sunday morning at the service of divine worship at eleven o'clock.

The Lenten Fellowship Meeting will be held Thursday evening at seven in the Chapel.

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SOMETHING TO CHEER

A group of Texas farmers have made some refreshing and encouraging news. At a financial sacrifice to themselves, they have sent a healthy slice of federal government cash back to Washington with a note to the U. S. Treasury which says in effect, "Here's our money. By struggling a little harder and pinching our pennies, we can get by without it."

Newspapers and farm journals sent up hurrahs; and even the Saturday Evening Post wrote glowing editorial praise. The unsolicited return of federal funds to the U. S. Treasury especially makes news at a time when the trend is altogether in the other direction. In fact, there are two angles to this action of the Texas farmers that justify attention. It encourages, in the first instance, the spirit of independence is not dead in our country; and, secondly, it spotlights a sensible project by the federal government in the realm of financial assistance.

No Bureaucrats

The Texas farmers who have made this second Declaration of Independence are members of the 26 Production Credit Associations in Texas. There are 33,000 of them. Since 1933, when the PCA's were established, the 36 agencies had accepted \$8,000,000 of government capital for lending; and with it, of course, some regulations and controls. However, the entire lending program was handled and the administration of the 36 agencies was carried on by the farmers themselves. That's the clue, no doubt, to the success of their venture.

Each time the PCA's made a farm loan (and 225,000 were made up to 1950) the recipient bought a proportionate amount of stock in the association, payable on installments like his loan was repaid. The stock buying was mandatory; the idea being that ultimately the PCA's would be owned lock-stock-and-barrel by the farmers.

Wanted Independence
With the government funds, plus the accumulating capital from the stock sales and a somewhat slim profit from accumulated profit "reserves," the 36 PCA's have made loans totaling \$144,614,623. Ten years after they were established, they found they still were operating with \$6,500,000 of the original government capital. They could keep it indefinitely. The government wasn't asking for it. But the

to study it.
Golden Text "Know ye that the Lord he is God: it is he that hath made us, and not we ourselves: we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture" (Psalms 100:3)

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Nobody's Business

We still believe that the town of Bethel must have a new school building and that the advice of the School Survey Committee is sound.

We believe that it would be most unwise to try to economize by building a "cheap" structure. Certainly it would be folly at a time when the town can benefit by Gould Academy's generous offer.

We believe that the answers to arguments, which would tend to delay construction and raise doubt as to true needs, can be found in the report of the Survey Committee.

We believe that it is only good business to face the present problems of town and school affairs. According to the report of the Budget Committee schools are not the only department requiring more than the customary appropriations.

We believe that every voter who can go to town meeting should do so, consider every article as read, listen to the opinions of others and give his own views. Then vote for whatever he believes to be for the best interests of the town.

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AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY

The American Legion Auxiliary met at the home of Mrs. F. I. French Tuesday evening for a regular meeting.

It was voted to have the annual Birthday Supper at the next meeting, March 14. Committee for this is: Mrs. Ruth Dorion, Mrs. Alta Meserve, Mrs. Leta Compass and Mrs. Frances Bennett.

Several members were reported ill, and it was reported that Carroll Curtis and Paul Carter, both members of the local post are patients at Togus.

Members are to meet at Mrs. Gladys Bean's, Friday evening, March 4, to sew on layettes.

the entire farm credit system which started with establishment of the Federal Land Bank in 1917. It had been demonstrated by then that farm loans were a peculiar province; that agricultural financing was different from industrial financing to a large degree, the lending agencies have been kept in the hands of the farming people.

Our Texans are way out ahead in a precedent-setting action, but the other 440 PCA's around the country have performed an important service well.

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